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SUBJECT: HIGH LEVEL EXERCISE (HILEX-6): HIGH LEVEL PLANNING GROUP

MEETING NOV 27, 1973

REF: A. STATE 231054 NOTAL

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SUMMARY. PLANNING FOR EXERCISE HILEX-6 IS NEARING COMPLETION. AT MEETING NOV 27, CHAIRMAN ADDRESSED IMPACT OF MIDDLE EAST WAR ON EXERCISE OIL SCENARIO. IMMEDIATE THRUST OF PLANNING GROUP DISCUSSION MOVED TOWARD DELETION OF OIL CRISIS AS PART OF EXERCISE BECAUSE OF ITS SENSITIVE NATURE. FINAL DECISION IS DELAYED PENDING OUTCOME OF EVALUATION OF OIL CRISIS BEING DEBATED IN SENIOR CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (SCEPC) (BEING REPORTED SEPTEL - SEE ALSO USNATO 5467). OIL SCRIPT IS ONLY UNRESOLVED MAJOR ISSUE IN HILEX-6. END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN (MORAN) CALLED ON INTERNATIONAL STAFF REP (FARRANT)  
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TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF THE OIL ISSUE IN THE SCEPC. A SCALED DOWN VERSION OF OIL PLAY WILL MOST LIKELY BE THE OUTCOME OF THE SCEPC GROUP'S DECISION.

2. MOST DELEGATIONS SUPPORT A VERSION OF OIL PLAY SCALED DOWN FROM THE PRESENT SCENARIO IN WORKING PAPER AC/287(H-6)-WP/2 (REVISED)(REF B). FARRANT SAID IS WOULD HAVE TO RESERVE ON OIL PLAY DECISION.SINCE DISCUSSION WAS POINTED TOWARD SCALED DOWN PLAY, CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED WAITING TO SEE THE OUTCOME OF OIL ISSUE IN THE SCEPC PRIOR TO INCLUDING PLAY IN THE EXERCISE. AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON THIS POINT.

3. CHAIRMAN THEN ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON THE LATEST THE DECISION COULD BE DELAYED WITHOUT UNDULY HINDERING COMPLETION OF PLANS FOR HILEX-6. US REP, DRAWING ON REF A, PROPOSED JAN 15 AS BEING REASONABLE. GERMAN AND UK REPS DISAGREED, SUGGESTING MID-DECEMBER. CHAIRMAN, STRESSING THE NEED TO CONSIDER ALL ASPECTS AND THE NEED FOR TIME TO COMPLETE FINAL PLAN, SUGGESTED A DECISION BE MADE ON SCALE OF OIL PLAY IN THE EXERCISE BY END OF DECEMBER. THIS DATE WAS AGREED.

4. REMAINING WORKING PAPERS FOR HILEX-6 WERE ACCEPTED WITH ONLY MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGES.FINAL VERSION OF EXERCISE PLAN IS EXPECTED AFTER NEXT MEETING ON JAN 24, 1974.  
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